

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In the Application of:)	
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Lawton <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Art Unit: 1645
Serial No.: 10/054,647)	
)	Examiner: Ford, V.
Filed: January 22, 2002)	
)	Conf. No. 9151
For: Compositions and Methods for Detection)	
of <i>Ehrlichia canis</i> and <i>Ehrlichia</i>)	Atty. Dkt No.: 00-1278-C
<i>chaffeensis</i> Antibodies)	

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:


Appellants respectfully request an oral hearing in the above-mentioned appeal. A check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) is enclosed. It is believed that no other fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if an additional fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Related appeals have been filed in U.S. Application 10/054,354, filed January 22, 2002 and U.S. Application 09/765,739, filed January 18, 2001. Appellants respectfully

request that the oral hearings for these three applications be consolidated into one hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/28/05

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